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THE manner in which the work of relaying the tracks at the railroad station is being done is alike creditable to the railroad company and satisfactory to the public. The grade of the tracks has been slightly raised, and the space between the rails finished with gravel; and the street has been paved with cobble stones between the tracks and then finished at an easy grade along the roadway. The double track is laid and ready for use, and all must admit that the D. L. & W. have added not a little to the spirit of improvement which is everywhere to be noticed in the township.

The jury in the Chisholm case convicted the prisoner of murder in the first degree. With this verdict no fault can be found. The proof was full and conclusive, and the defense of accidental shooting fell to the ground from its own weakness. The conduct of the prisoner when upon the witness stand was most unfeeling, and rendered it an easy matter for the jury to believe him capable of the brutal crime for which his life is soon to pay the forfeit. His narrative of the number of saloons, at which he drank on the fatal day of the murder, is an awful illustration of the close relation of this business to the worst forms of crime.

The returns of Tuesday's elections are not encouraging to Republicans. In Newark, the Germans supported the Republican ticket and carried their wards; but in the inner wards apathy seemed to prevail, and the vote showed that many Republicans were willing, again, to try the experiment of permitting the Democrats to control all departments of the city government. In Ohio, the Republicans made a brave and strong fight, by naming good candidates and accepting the full responsibility for the "Scott High License Law," which was put upon the statutes by their votes in the Legislature; and yet they have been defeated by the vote of the Prohibitionists who persisted in running a candidate of their own, and by so doing have elected a Legislature which will repeal this excellent law. The hopeless imbecility of these people is hard to endure. They cast down their friends and exalt their enemies. They have just nominated a candidate for Governor in New Jersey, and the only effect this action can possibly have is to draw off votes from Judge Dixon. As a tail to the Democratic kite, the Prohibitionists are a success.

RESERVED SEATS.

The advantages of securing reserved seats for popular entertainments are so well appreciated by the public that it is quite usual to require an extra charge for such accommodations. It has been the practice in Bloomfield, for several years past, to sell tickets at a uniform price and then to inform the purchaser that at a particular time, usually an early hour in the morning of a day which is perhaps a week in advance of the entertainment, these tickets may be exchanged for reserved seats. In order to effect the exchange, the tickets must be presented at a drug store or some other designated place, where the rule of "first come first served" is rigidly adhered to. This plan seems fair enough, but its practical workings are unjust in the extreme. For instance, a gentleman recently purchased tickets for the Organ Concert to be given in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday next. He was told that the tickets could be exchanged at the drug stores on Monday, the 7th instant, at 7 o'clock A. M. Upon calling at 8 o'clock on Monday, he was surprised to learn that all the best seats had been selected already, and that eternal vigilance was the price of a reserved seat as well as of "liberty."

This feeling of surprise gave way to indignation, when he learned that certain persons, who had been active in the sale of tickets, had gone to the stores before daylight and had waited until the doors were opened, and had then rushed in and selected the best seats by the dozen,

in order to favor their friends and customers, who had been so fortunate as to buy tickets from these very alert persons.

It is difficult to conceive of a more flagrant disregard of the rights of the other holders of tickets, who were not aware that their choice of seats was to be subjected to so fierce a competition. The domestic individual who would prefer to take his chances at the door on the night of the entertainment, rather than shiver out the night on some other man's doorstep, finds himself deprived of all choice by the course above stated. The fair and honorable way to manage this business is to have the choice of seats begin at the time the tickets are sold, so that each purchaser may know that when he buys his ticket he at once becomes entitled to reserve the best seat which, has not already been selected by some other person who bought his tickets earlier. This would offer an inducement to buy tickets in advance, and no one could find cause to complain of so simple and equitable an arrangement.

The method pursued in the illustration above given, is without any justification whatever, and is an imposition which, if practiced in future, will render the public somewhat cautious about buying tickets in advance.

MR. ABBETT'S RECORD.

The Warren Republican faces the Hon. Leon Abbett fairly. In fact, it "meets the bear by the mouth." Mr. Abbett and the papers that support him declare that "glittering generalities" alone are alleged against his record. In reply the Republican prints the following list of definite charges:

Mistake No. 1.—Voting to strike out the name of Abraham Lincoln from a resolution of thanks.
No. 2.—Voting against the Constitutional Amendment to abolish slavery.
No. 3.—Voting against paying bounties to widows and dependent mothers of colored soldiers.
No. 4.—Voting against the State Prison Reform bill.
No. 5.—Voting for the Wet Basin bill.
No. 6.—Voting to pay his salary in gold.
No. 7.—Opposing a change in the tax laws affecting the Morris and Essex Railroad, thus causing the State to lose thousands.

No. 8.—Saying he was glad Abraham Lincoln was shot.
No. 9.—Advising riotous measures at the organization of the Assembly of 1882.
No. 10.—Opposing a bribery investigation on the Wet Basin bill.
No. 11.—Defending the robbers of the Jersey City Savings Bank.
Nos. 12 to 650, plenty more quite as bad as the above.

In addition to these charges, it appears that the depositors of the wrecked Mechanics' and Laborers' Bank have organized an Anti-Abbett Club in Jersey City. The significant fact in this is that the great majority of these voters have previously supported the Democratic ticket. It certainly does look as if the crowd was either not well cooked, or else that the Democratic teeth and stomachs could not stand it.

It is too near Thanksgiving Day for any of them to prefer crow to turkey, and we doubt if they really do hanker after the darker fowl. Mr. Abbett's record is a bad one—a very bad one. It may show him to be sharp and shrewd and a good party wire puller, but for some reason New Jersey is really proud of having clean men in office. And not all the perfumes of Arabia can make a turkey out of a turkey-buzzard.

A man who was a Copperhead in war times; an opponent of reform in days of peace; and a salary grabber during his official career—well, that man needs a change of heart more than he needs the Governorship.

Judge Dixon furnishes a record which is as complete a contrast to all of these objections as can be devised.

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